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1. THE GUATEMALAN MISSION TO THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES CIRCULATED THE FOLLOWING NOTE TO ALL OAS MISSIONS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9. IT WAS ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADOR SEVILLA SACASA IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL. BEGIN QUOTE:

EXCELLENCY:

AT THE INSTRUCTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUATEMALA, I HAVE THE HONOR OF ADDRESSING YOUR EXCELLENCY TO REPORT THROUGH YOUR EXCELLENCY TO THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION THAT BEGINNING ON NOVEMBER 4, 1975, THE GOVERNMENT OF AN EXTRACONTINENTAL POWER, THE UNITED  
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KINGDOM AND NORTHERN IRELAND, BEGAN AN INTENSIVE ACTION

OF INTIMIDATION AND ARMED THREAT AGAINST MY COUNTRY BY LANDING ON THE GUATEMALAN TERRITORY OF BELIZE, WHICH IT HOLDS UNLAWFULLY AND WITHOUT JUSTIFICATION, A LARGE NUMBER OF TROOPS OF EVERY KIND AND WEAPONS AND MUNITIONS FOR LAND, SEA AND AIR FORCES, ALL OF WHICH CONSTITUTES A SERIOUS THREAT TO THE INVIOABILITY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, SOVEREIGNTY AND POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE OF GUATEMALA,

CONSTITUTING, MOREOVER, A LATENT DANGER TO THE PEACE OF THE HEMISPHERE.

IT IS DECEITFULLY ATTEMPTED TO JUSTIFY THE INTIMIDATING ACTION AND ARMED THREAT BY CLAIMING PREPARATIONS FOR INVASION OF BELIZE, BY GUATEMALA, BASED ON THE ROUTINE TROOP MOVEMENTS OF GUATEMALA WITHIN ITS TERRITORY IN 10 ORDINARY TRUCKS TO RELIEVE A MILITARY CONTINGENT ESTABLISHED IN POPTUN, A COMMUNITY LOCATED 120 KILOMETERS FROM BELIZE, WHEN, TO THE CONTRARY, THE UNITED KINGDOM IS ATTEMPTING TO COVER UP ITS INTENTION OF PREYING ON GUATEMALAN TERRITORY BY DIRECTING, UNILATERALLY AND BEHIND THE BACK OF GUATEMALA, THE INDEPENDENCE OF THAT TERRITORY ARBITRARILY USURPED BY ENGLAND. THE THREATENING ACTION BY THE UNITED KINGDOM CONSISTS OF SENDING WARSHIPS, NAVAL AND AIR TRANSPORTS, MUNITIONS AND WEAPONS, JET COMBAT AIRCRAFT, VERTICAL-TAKEOFF AIRCRAFT, ANTIAIRCRAFT UNITS, COMBAT HELICOPTERS AND SEVERAL REGIMENTS OF SPECIALIZED TROOPS, AND IT NOW HAS AN AIRLIFT TO CONTINUE THIS UNSPEAKABLE THREAT TO AN AMERICAN REPUBLIC.

THE TERRITORY OF BELIZE IS PART OF THE GUATEMALAN NATION AND IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF ITS TERRITORY, BUT OCCUPIED WITHOUT ENTITLEMENT TO ANY SOVEREIGNTY BY ENGLAND, FOR WHICH REASON IT HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF AN INTERNATIONAL DISPUTE SUBMITTED TO THE PEACEFUL PROCEDURES PRESCRIBED BY THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND BY INTERNATIONAL LAW.

THE INTER-AMERICAN REGIONAL SYSTEM WHICH FUNCTIONS WITHIN THE WORLD SYSTEM OF THE UNITED NATIONS AS A REGIONAL ORGANIZATION, ON THE BASIS OF ARTICLE 52 OF ITS UNCLASSIFIED

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CHARTER, CREATED THE AMERICAN SYSTEM FOR ENDING COLONIALISM IN AMERICA AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR, AND STRENGTHENED IT AT THE CONFERENCE OF BOGOTA HELD IN 1948, WHERE IT CLASSIFIED THE COLONIAL TERRITORIES AND BELIZE, AMONG OTHER TERRITORIES, AS OCCUPIED TERRITORY.

THE LATIN AMERICAN STATES UPON THOSE OCCASIONS AND UP TO THE PRESENT TIME HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH

GUATEMALA IN ITS JUST CLAIM TO BELIZE.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMMUNICATION IS TO INFORM THE  
PE MANENT COUNCIL AND THE MEMBER STATES PARTIES TO THE  
NT R-AMERICAN TREATY OF RECIPROCAL ASSISTANCE OF THIS  
INTIMIDATING SITUATION AND ARMED THREAT WHICH, IF THEY  
PERSIST OR INTENSIFY, COULD POSSIBLY OBLIGE MY GOVERNMENT  
TO FORMALLY REQUEST AN IMMEDIATE MEETING OF THE ORGAN

OF CONSULTATION, IN APPLICATION OF THE INTER-AMERICAN  
TREATY OF RECIPROCAL ASSISTANCE, FOR THE PURPOSES COVERED  
BY ARTICLE SIX AND THE OTHERS THAT MAY BE APPLICABLE  
ACCORDING TO THE SITUATION.

I FORMALLY REQUEST YOUR EXCELLENCY TO HAVE THIS COM-  
MUNICATION CIRCULATED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS AN OFFICIAL  
DOCUMENT OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL AND, IF YOUR EXCELLENCY  
SO DEEMS PERTINENT, TO TRANSMIT IT BY WAY OF INFORMATION  
TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION.

ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY MOST  
DISTINGUISHED CONSIDERATION. END QUOTE.

2. AMBASSADOR SEVILLA SACASA HAS CABLED THE ABOVE TEXT  
TO SECRETARY GENERAL WALDBEIM. KISSINGER

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